



Mayor's Office
of Youth & Families

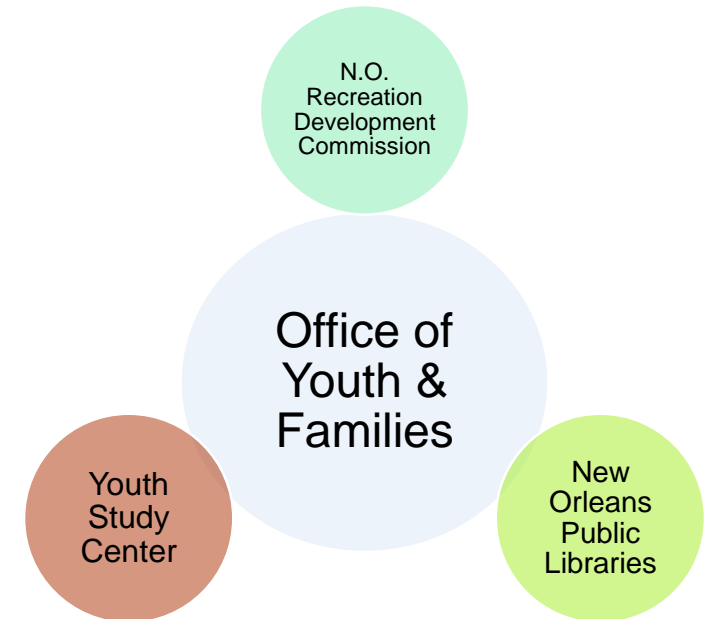
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Creation of the Office of Youth & Families

- On May 25, Mayor Cantrell signed an executive order creating the Office of Youth and Families (OYF)
- Establishes infrastructure within city government to support systems-change for vulnerable youth and families (*according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Louisiana ranks 49th amongst all U.S. states in terms overall child well-being)
- This executive change moves the Youth Study Center, New Orleans Recreation Development Commission and the New Orleans Public Library under the purview of the OYF
- OYF works interdepartmentally with the Health Dept, Office of Neighborhood Engagement, Office of Criminal Justice Coordination as well as the Orleans Parish School Board



Mission and Vision

Mission Statement

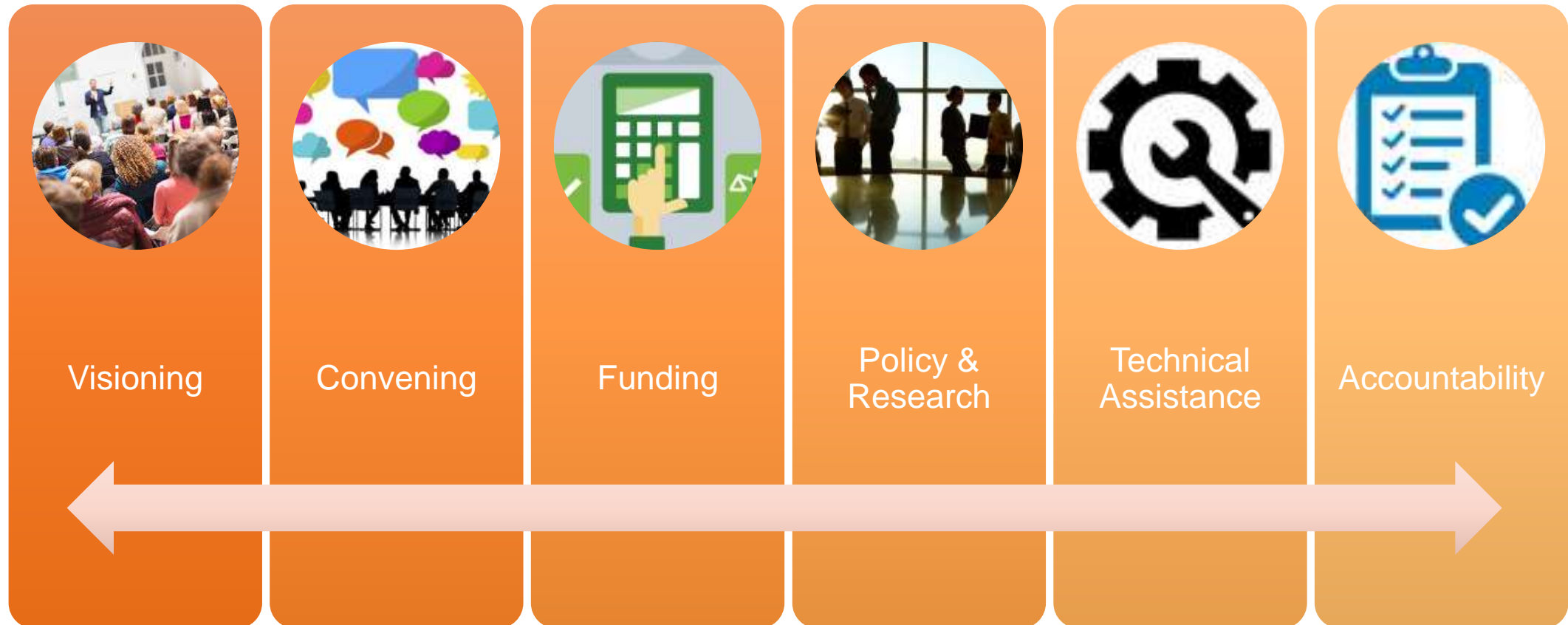
The Mayor's Office of Youth and Families builds a strong foundation for future generations of New Orleanians by engaging youth and community in providing input into city government decisions affecting young people, improving coordination between agencies, expanding resources, and ensuring equitable policymaking.

Vision Statement

We envision a city that engages youth and families in co-designing a system of support that ensures health, safety, economic security and positive educational outcomes for all people from birth through old age.



What We Do



Strategic Priorities



Juvenile Justice

Year One Activities & Accomplishments

1. Transformed conditions at the Youth Study Center by bringing in new leadership which resulted in a number of improvements:

- Enhancements to overall facility safety and security (as evidenced by a decline in incident reports and building plant repairs)
- Improvements in staff morale, training opportunities and employee retention
- Stabilization of school attendance rates (average rate is now 90 percent)
- Reductions in the average length of stay for youth, as a result of new population management protocol and process



Juvenile Justice

Year One Activities & Accomplishments (cont'd)

2. Built out a continuum of alternative-to-detention initiatives for juveniles in partnership with Job1, NOPD and the Office of Criminal Justice Coordination that leverages \$575,000 in order to divert youth to workforce development and wraparound services as opposed to detention

3. Worked with key stakeholders to fully implement the Policing Alternative for Youth (PAY) ordinance, which diverts youth from the juvenile justice system for low-level status offenses. This year, 246 youth have received warnings as opposed to being arrested for misdemeanors.



Education & Enrichment

Year One Activities & Accomplishments

- Doubled the City's investment in early childhood education to \$1.5 million serving more than 100 0-3-year-olds throughout Orleans Parish
- Selected by the National League of Cities as one of eight U.S. cities to participate in an early learning leadership cohort
- Worked in partnership with NORD Commission leaders to convene an executive search committee in order to identify new leadership for New Orleans' recreation department.
- Authored the framework for the parks millage proposal which passed on May 4 with 76 percent voter approval. This ensures a more equitable distribution of taxpayer dollars between the city's four major park systems and secures \$1.5 million in additional revenue for NORDC and \$1 million for Parks & Parkways.



Behavioral Health

Year One Activities & Accomplishments

- Hosted more than 50 elected officials and city leaders in an intensive day-long workshop on early childhood brain development and the impact of trauma on long-term life outcomes
- Engaged three graduate students from Harvard medical school to publish a trauma-informed toolkit for NORDC and the libraries as well as a plan for community health workers to address maternal and child morbidity rates
- Established City Hall's first "meditation room," which is a healing space where employees and members of the general public can go to reflect or receive supportive services



Youth Voice

Year One Activities & Accomplishments

- Junior Civic Leadership Academy: Partnered with the Office of Neighborhood Engagement to create the first ever Junior Civic Leadership Academy, which will provide young people an in-depth look at city government
- Mayor for a Day: More than 100 girls, ages 11-18, from across the city, submitted responses to a “Madame Mayor for the Day” essay contest. Two girls will have the opportunity to be sworn in as Mayor for a day and meet with key woman leadership across city government



Philanthropic Support

Secured a total of \$1.62 million in grant funds to support Office of Youth & Families initiatives in the areas of juvenile justice, workforce development, early childhood education and recreation

